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SUBJ: KSEC REQUIREMENT FOR REINFORCING BARS AND SCRAP

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1. BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MARKETS FOR REINFORCING BARS EXTREMELY TIGHT AT PRESENT. BEST INDICATION OF CURRENT PRICE (DOMESTIC) IS U.S. DOLLARS 6.85 PER 100 POUNDS. PRICE FOR EXPORT WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH FIRMS. IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FULFILL BECAUSE OF STRONG DOMESTIC DEMAND.

2. RESERVE FLEET SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SCRAP THRU COMPETITIVE BIDDING BUT, TO AVOID BEING SUBJECT TO EXPORT CONTROLS, MUST LEAVE U.S. INTACT. SHIPS SCRAPPED IN U.S. ARE SUBJECT TO CONTROLS.

3. CHOI REQUESTED AND HAS BEEN SENT INFOR REGARDING
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AVAILABILITY OF A USED FLOATING DRYDOCK BEING SOLD THRU

COMPETITIVE BIDDING BY U.S. NAVY. CHANCES SLIM THAT KSEC WILL BE INTERESTED AS NAVY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS DOCK NOT BE TOWED IN OPEN SEAS. A CONCRETE DOCK, WHICH MAY BE MORE DESIRABLE, WILL BECOME AVAILABLE SHORTLY. HAVE INFORMED CHOI THAT WE WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY INFO IF HE IS INTERESTED.

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